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Your proposed settlement with Micosoft will make Neville Chamberlain sit up in his grave, smile, and pat you on the back.

Unfortunately, MS just doesn't care what the court nor the Justice Department decides. They have shown continued disregard for agreements banning specific tactics and behaviors. Your proposed settlement isn't even a slap on the wrist. In effect, it's a victory for MS.

There are some remedies that would help all injured by MS illegal maintenance of its monopoly. I leave the specifics of damages to the court, however, I do know one thing which would help the 'rest of the world' compete more effectively with MS.

Require MS to disclose fully the file formats MS applications and OS create and update. MS would have to consent not only to disclosing these formats, but to provide public detailed specifications when changes occur. If competitors can make precisely the same end product (an Excel file, Word) etc, they can engineer competitive methods to create these exact files. It sounds trivial, but it would help considerably.

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